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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 1972, the Ninety-second Congress of the United  
3 States of America, at its Second Session, in both houses, by a  
4 constitutional majority of two-thirds, adopted the following  
5 proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of  
6 America:

7 "JOINT RESOLUTION RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
9 IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED (TWO-THIRDS OF EACH HOUSE CONCURRING  
10 THEREIN), That the following article is proposed as an  
11 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which  
12 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the  
13 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
14 three-fourths of the several States within seven years  
15 from the date of its submission by the Congress:

16 "ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_

17 Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall  
18 not be denied or abridged by the United States or by  
19 any State on account of sex.

20 Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
21 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of  
22 this article.

23 Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two  
24 years after the date of ratification.""; and

1           WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United  
2 States sets forth a two-step amending procedure; and

3           WHEREAS, The first step of the Article V amending  
4 procedure is proposal of an amendment either by two-thirds  
5 vote of both houses of Congress or by a convention called by  
6 application of two-thirds of the States; and

7           WHEREAS, The second and final step of the Article V  
8 amending procedure is ratification of an amendment by  
9 three-fourths of the States; and

10          WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States does not  
11 limit the time for States to ratify an amendment; and

12          WHEREAS, The time limit within the internal resolution  
13 used by Congress in 1972 to propose the Equal Rights Amendment  
14 is, thus, without force or effect; and

15          WHEREAS, The so-called Madison Amendment, relating to  
16 Compensation of Members of Congress, is the Twenty-Seventh  
17 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

18          WHEREAS, In 1789, by two-thirds vote of each house of the  
19 First Congress, the Madison Amendment completed the proposal  
20 step of Article V; and

1           WHEREAS, Approximately 203 years later, the Madison  
2 Amendment completed the ratification step of Article V through  
3 ratification by three-fourths of the States; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1992, having met the requirements of Article  
5 V, the Madison Amendment was published and certified by the  
6 Administration of President George H.W. Bush as the  
7 Twenty-Seventh Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
8 States; and

9           WHEREAS, Following publication of the Madison Amendment,  
10 Congress affirmed the Madison Amendment as the Twenty-Seventh  
11 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

12           WHEREAS, As of January 27, 2020, three-fourths of the  
13 States have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment; and

14           WHEREAS, In contrast to the Madison Amendment which took  
15 203 years to ratify, the Equal Rights Amendment took a mere 48  
16 years to ratify; and

17           WHEREAS, The Equal Rights Amendment now meets the  
18 requirements of Article V of the Constitution of the United  
19 States to be added as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment; therefore,  
20 be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly urges the  
4 Administration of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to publish  
5 and certify without delay the Equal Rights Amendment as the  
6 Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
7 States; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urges the Congress of  
9 the United States to pass a joint resolution, affirming the  
10 Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the  
11 Constitution of the United States; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the General Assembly calls on other States  
13 to join in this action by passing the same or similar  
14 resolutions; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
16 transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United  
17 States, to Members of the United States Congress, and to the  
18 Archivist of the United States.